



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

It was lovely to see so many Reception parents at the **maths meeting** this week where we explained a little about our



approach to teaching and learning maths at Shire Oak. It was nice to see you again this morning for Reception Class's very first **assembly**. We really enjoyed finding out about the things they have been learning, watching their groovy Wake Up Shake Up dancing and listening to such confident speakers. Well done Reception – we are proud of you!

There will be a chance for other parents to come into school on Monday when we will be trying something new with our homework. You will know that we think

regular reading and Maths Passport practice are the most important homework tasks, but we know that a lot of effort goes into the half termly big projects too. In order to celebrate this effort, and to give the opportunity to see the different ways children can interpret the tasks we will be inviting partner classes to look at each other's homework on Monday. Then, we will **display a selection of homework pieces in the hall** at the end of the day. Please do come and look at homework from Y1-Y6 just before or just after you pick your child/ren up on **Monday**.

Class	This Week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class:
YR (Thames)	Matilda has tried very hard to do her challenges in the areas. Evie has been a kind and caring friend.
Y1 (Nile)	Emaya tried her best at all times and is a helpful member of the class. Rattan is working hard on his mental maths and is always quick with an answer.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Arthur is a positive role model in the class. Stanley is becoming more independent, particularly in writing.
Y3 (Rhine)	Lalayni and Jordan worked very hard to complete their art work together and then very thoughtfully made one for a friend who was away.
Y4 (Ganges)	Elijah is a real SOSO (Switched On Shire Oak) learner in English with a 'can do' attitude. Helena is always keen to share her ideas with the class.
Y5 (Tigris)	Adam is putting lots of effort into his maths work. Simone consistently focuses on her tasks in class.
Y6 (Amazon)	Phoebe has completed some excellent animal adaptation work. William always makes a positive and thoughtful contribution in guided reading sessions.

William nominated **Madison** to be Citizen of the Week for helping to sort out a younger child who had dropped their dinner tray – well done!

Thank you for supporting **Movie Night** which raised valuable funds for the school to use and was a popular event. Thanks also to the volunteers who ran the night.

Have a lovely weekend. I hope to see you at the **bun sale after school today** – thank you Year 2!

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House Team Hobby Half Day and playing in the snow.

DIARY DATES

Monday 2 nd February	Display of homework in the hall, from a 2:40 – 3:30pm – do pop in!
Friday 6 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 13 th February	Stay and Play, 9am in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Parents and carers welcome.
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th February	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 27 th February	Stay and Play, 9am in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Parents and carers welcome.
Friday 27 th February	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y3 please.
Monday 2 nd March	FOSOPS meeting, just after drop off in Kidzone. All welcome.
Tues 3 rd & Wed 4 th March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 6 th March	Holi (Hindu Festival) assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 13 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th March	Year 4 Residential, Bewerley Park, North Yorkshire.
Friday 20 th March	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 27 th March	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y4 please.
Wednesday 1 st April	Y3/4 Easter production
Thursday 2 nd April	FOSOPS Easter Egg Hunt after school
Friday 3 rd - Friday 17 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 1 st May	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 1 st May	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY, SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 8 th May	Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May	Y6 KS2 SATs Test Week.
Wednesday 20 th May	House Team hobbies half day
Thursday 21 st May *	Leeds Book Awards
Monday 25 th –Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 5 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 5 th June	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.
Sunday 7 th June *	Shire Oak Sunday. Our contribution to the All Age Service at St Michael's.
Saturday 13 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival at Shire Oak (date to be confirmed)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 th June	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 10 th July	Eid assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of the school year

* means added or changed since last newsletter

We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. If you have any concerns or observations regarding **health and safety**, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Liz Craven.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Hilary Whitehead.

If you have questions about your **child's progress** or **how to help them** with the learning they find difficult please speak to your child's teacher or make an appointment to see them via the school office.

The governors are always interested in hearing the **views of parents**. If you would like to speak to a governor, then please email the chair, Janie Percy-Smith janieps@aol.com (Janie is also in school most Tuesdays if you would like to talk to her.)

Did you know? All state schools have to conduct **an act of worship** each day. We do this in whole school, key stage or class assemblies and children sing, talk, reflect and read, etc.

We introduce any prayers or reflections with the words, "We put our hands together and close our eyes so that we can concentrate on the words and so people may pray if they would like to." We think it is important that children grow to understand that worship is a choice that they can make, rather than an activity they have to do.

In line with our Shire Oak values the Christian values that we focus on are:

love, trust, respect, forgiveness, compassion and respect.